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Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, M.D.
Baltimore City Commissioner of Health
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore MD 21202

Dear Dr. Sharfstein:

The purpose of this letter is to advise Baltimore City about recent sampling results for soils at Swann Park located on Race Street in Baltimore City (21230) submitted to the Department on April 19, 2007. Based on that analytical data, MDE has advised Baltimore City to close the park to public access until further notice. We understand that the City is taking that step today.

On April 3, 2007, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) received a letter from Margaret Tindall, legal counsel for Honeywell Corporation. The letter included copies of data from 1976 from Swann Park. After reviewing the data, MDE directed Honeywell Corporation and Baltimore City on April 12, 2007, to submit a soil screening sampling plan to determine the current soil conditions at the Park. The plan was submitted and MDE approved the plan on April 13, 2007. Samples were collected on April 16. Honeywell submitted the enclosed analytical data results today.

Honeywell's data results indicate levels for arsenic from 23 ppm to 2,200 ppm. These results are sufficiently high that further site characterization must be performed at the site. MDE is requiring that additional site characterization be performed. Enclosed is a fact sheet on arsenic.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 537-3304.

Sincerely,

Horacio Tablada, Director
Waste Management Administration

Enclosure

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